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Applicant(s): Salman Akram

Filing date: September 1, 1999

Serial No.: 09/388,031

For (title): METALLIZATION STRUCTURES FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INTERCONNECTS,  
METHODS FOR MAKING SAME, AND  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES INCLUDING SAME

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- ☐ Check no. in the amount of \$ for the presentation of extra claims as calculated in the remarks section below.
- ☐ Preliminary amendment.
- ☒ Amendment or other communication in response to the non-final office action mailed March 29, 2001.
- ☐ Amendment or other communication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the final office action mailed.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate with check no. in the amount of \$.
- ☐ Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 signed by (or on behalf of).
- ☐ Information disclosure statement and information disclosure citation form PTO-1449 with copies of listed documents.
- ☒ Transmittal of formal drawings and formal drawings (7 pages, 12 FIGS).

**Remarks:**

- ☒ An amendment has been made involving one or more claims in the application. The calculation to determine whether any additional fee is due is presented below.

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- 1 Claims remaining after amendment.
- 2 Highest number of claims previously paid for. Not less than 20 for total claims and 3 for independent claims.
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Attached please find the formal drawings for this application.

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